

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 21-26 and 28-31 are cancelled. Claim 27 was previously cancelled by the amendment dated September 21, 2001. Therefore claims 1-20 remain pending. In addition, claims 1-20 are considered to be allowed per the Office Action of September 15, 1998. Therefore, since all interfering claims 21-26 and 28-31 have been cancelled, applicant hereby requests that allowance now be expedited.

A one-month extension of time is hereby requested and the requisite fee submitted herewith.

Further, while no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4525.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's representative, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned

Respectfully submitted,

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